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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 April 2001.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 13-24 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 13-19 and 21-24 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) 20 is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 4/4/01 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
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	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Pre-amendment

1. This action is in response to the amendment filed on 4/4/01. Claims 1-12 have been canceled and claims 13-24 are pending in the application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 15-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

As claim 15, “a transport format indicator field the bit number of which is” Is vague and indefinite because it’s unclear what it is constituted for. Please clarify so the meter and boundary of the claim can be determined.

As claim 16, “the value” is lack antecedence basis because it does not refer to any previous elements.

As claim 17, “said other” is lack antecedence basis because it does not refer to any previous elements.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 13-14, 19 and 23 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Enerothe (USP 6631116).

Regarding claims 13 and 23, Enerothe discloses a frame control apparatus for controlling a transport frame used for transmitting a data unit (TB) via a dedicated channel (AAL2 layer) between network elements (2, 3 and 10) (Fig 30, 101 read on element 3; Ref 105 read on element 2 and Ref 102 or 106 reads on element 10) of a communication system having different types of connections, comprising: (a) means (12) for encapsulating said data unit (TB) into said transport frame (Fig 15, 17-39 and 36 Ref 60 for encapsulating data unit into a payload AAL 2 cell “read on transport frame”); (b) means (13) for selecting a frame type coding of said transport frame in accordance with a connection type of said dedicated channel (Fig 15, 17-39 and 36 Ref 19, 20, 30, 50 and 50 for selecting cell size based on the connection type such voice or data etc, col. 3, lines 54 to col. 4, lines 6, col. 7, lines 7-41, col. 9, lines 5-17 and col. 11, lines 1-30), and (c) means for maintaining information on the frame types to be used for data units on a dedicated channel (Fig 21, Ref 5, 7, 10 and 21 which are maintained the cell size for the data unit).

Regarding claim 14, Enerothe discloses said frame type coding defines specific control information fields of the transport frame and its bit number (Fig 9 and 10, LEQ and LEN).

Regarding claim 19, Enerothe discloses said frame type coding is selected in a set-up phase of said dedicated channel based on corresponding set-up parameters of said dedicated channel (Col. 9, lines 5-17).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Enerothe as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Van Grinven (USP 6414967).

Enerothe fails to disclose said specific control information fields include a transport format indicator field having a bit number of which is determined on the basis of the number of different transport format indicators allowed for said dedicated channel. In the same field of endeavor, Van Grinsven discloses a method and system for transporting the information between two devices wherein the size of transport frame is depended on the type of connection wherein each transport frame includes a format field having a bit number which indicates the type of transport frame (See Fig 3-5 which includes a format ID field).

Since, Enerothe suggests the use of payload type field for determining the type of information which is carrying by the payload. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to apply a format field as disclosed by Van Grinsven's system and method into Enerothe's method and system. The motivation would have been to reduce the transport time between the source and destination device.

8. Claims 21-22 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Enerothe as applied to claim 1 and 23 above, and further in view of Widegren (USP 6374112).

Regarding claims 21-22 and 24, Enerothe fails to disclose WCMA user plane and RNC. However, in the same field of endeavor, Widegren discloses WCDMA user plane for AAL 2 layer and RNC (Fig 3).

Since, Enerothe suggests the system can carry the IS-95 signal. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to apply a WCDMA transceiver with AAL 2 layer connection as disclosed by Widegren's system and method into Enerothe's system and method. The motivation would have been to improve the throughput between the devices.

Allowable Subject Matter

9. Claim 20 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

10. Claims 16-18 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven HD Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-3159. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-5.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Huy D Vu can be reached on (571) 272-3155. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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